JOB LOSSES/JOB GAINS IN HAMILTON-WENTWORTH

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[NOTE: The bulk of this information was obtained from the Economic Development Department of Hamilton-Wentworth. The Economic Department admits that it is impossible to account for every project in the community. The data reported is for those businesses that have had some type of involvement with the Department.]

The following table summarizes business developments in Hamilton-Wentworth in 1986 and 1987 as documented by the Economic Development Department:

	1986	1987	
Number of New Businesses	23	33	Firms
New Jobs	827	941	Jobs
Added Jobs (Existing Business)	498	713	Jobs
Total Jobs Created	1,325	1,654*	Jobs

* In 1987, 13 companies contemplated closure or dislocation, but decided to stay. As a result, 1,726 jobs were retained.

Summary of Local Business Development by Sector

The documents received from the Economic Development Department provide some information on the product or service for each business. Using this information I have grouped the businesses by sector. This will provide a clearer picture of "where" most jobs have been created in the past two years.

JOB CREATED BY NEW BUSINESSES

Sector	1986 (# businesses)		1987 (# businesses)		1986 & 1987 Total # Jobs
Service	564	(8)	170	(11)	734
Sales	117	(6)	433	(10)	550
Manufacturing/Processing	95	(4)	283	(7)	378
Machining/Fabrication	21	(4)	40	(2)	61
Transportation/Warehousing	30	(1)	15	(2)	45
Totals	827	(23)	941	(32)*	1,768

* A total of 33 new businesses were established in 1987. Information for one business is not available.

Highlights:

- In 1986, the 327 of the 564 jobs were created through the location of the Workers' Compensation Board (Regional Office) to Hamilton.

- Super Carnival opened in Hamilton to provide 400 of the 433 jobs in sales in 1987.

JOBS CREATED THROUGH EXPANSION

Sector	1986 (# businesses)		1987 (# businesses)		1986 & 1987 Total # Jobs
Service	77	(5)	226	(28)	303
Sales	113	(3)	47	(6)	160
Manufacturing/Processing	276	(14)	331	(23)	607
Machining/Fabrication	28	(2)	22	(3)	50
Transportation/Warehousing	4	(1)	27	(2)	31
Sector Unknown			60		60
Totals	498	(25)*	713	(62)**	1,211

* A total of 37 businesses expanded in 1986. Information on 12 of these businesses is unavailable.

** A total of 67 businesses expanded in 1987. Information on five of these businesses is unavailable.

Summary of Jobs Created in 1986 and 1987

	Total # Jobs Created		(approximate # businesses)
Service	1,037		(52)
Sales	710	1,747	(25)
Manufacturing/Processing	985		(48)
Machining/Fabrication	111		(11)
Transportation/Warehousing	76		(6)
Sector Unknown	60		
Total	2,979		(142)

Recent Plant Closures in Hamilton-Wentworth in 1987-1988

The following summary was compiled using information from the Economic Development Department and the Evaluation Report of the Innovations Program:

Firm	Jobs Lost
Firestone	1,300
Greening Donald, Wire Rope Division	150
Inglis	150
Westinghouse	100 plus
Lapp Insulators	60
J.I. Case	30
Hamilton Foundary	50
BCE Computers Systems	15
Otis Elevator	230
Transelectrix	200
True Temper	70
C.M.C.	114
Total	2,469

In addition to the above, the following businesses were lost in 1987. (The number of jobs lost is not available):

Robinson Cone
Slacan (Division of Slater Steel)
Reid-Dominion Packaging
AMN Garment Manufacturing
Westburne Central Supply
Kiwi Polish Company
Robinson's (Stoney Creek warehouse)
Canadian Canners (head office)
Numco Engineering
M & T Chemicals

Summary

- Over the past two years, 2,979 jobs have been created through new businesses and expansions.

- The largest number of jobs have been created in the service sector (1,037) over the past two years followed by manufacturing (985) and sales (710). (Sales and Service accounted for 59% of the jobs created.)

- In 1987 and in the first part of 1988, a minimum of 2,469 jobs were lost due to plant closures in the Region. During this period however, a number of jobs were also lost at 10 other businesses that closed.

- The largest number of jobs appear to have been lost in the manufacturing sector with the closing of the Firestone plant accounting for 1,300 of the jobs lost.

- The unemployment rate has continued to decline since 1983. The 1986 rate was 6.9% while the 1987 rate was 6.3%.

- The participation rate continues to increase since 1985.

- Business bankruptcies in Hamilton have declined significantly from 1985 (143 bankruptcies) to 1987 (64 bankruptcies).